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## *Steubenville Resident Convicted On Firearm Violation*

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — A 24 year old Steubenville, Ohio, resident was convicted on a firearm violation by a Federal Trial Jury on November 8, 2006, in United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Wheeling before Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that RICARDO M. SUGGS, JR., of 809 Superior Street, Steubenville, Ohio, was convicted on one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm after a one and one-half day trial. Specifically, SUGGS was found to be in possession of a pistol during a traffic stop in Weirton, West Virginia, on March 1, 2006. As a convicted felon, SUGGS was prohibited from possessing firearms.

SUGGS, who is in custody pending sentencing, faces a maximum exposure of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The case was prosecuted under the *Project Safe Homes Initiative* by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Perri. The case was investigated by the Weirton Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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